

Opioid Settlement Information for Counties

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Presentation objectives

Identify

Current updates on opioid settlement cases

Recognize

The challenges in spending and current levels of spending at the state and county levels

Recognize

How opioid settlement funds have positively impacted states and counties

Identify

Other resources for examples of OSF uses

Update on Opioid Settlements

Most recent agreements and any still pending

Settlements to date:

Distributors: \$142.9m in 18 payments (2022-38)

- ▶ Janssen/Johson & Johnson: \$33.2m in 11 payments (2022-31)
- ▶ Teva: \$26.9m in 13 payments (2024-2036)
- ▶ Allergan: \$16m in 7 payments (2024-2029)
- ▶ Walmart: \$20.1m paid in 2024
- ▶ Walgreens: \$38.5m in 15 payments (2024-2037)
- ▶ CVS: \$35.4m in 10 payments (2024-2032)

Settlements to date, cont.:

- ▶ Mallinckrodt \$2.5m, paid in 2023
- ▶ Endo: \$2.3m paid in 2025

All past and future settlements are divided 50% to the State Opioid Settlement Fund and 50% to counties, per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding

Payment schedules for all settlements (except Mallinckrodt and Endo) available at:

<https://www.nationalopioidofficialsettlement.com/home/StateAllocationAmounts>

Cases still pending:

Purdue and Sackler Family: settlement has been announced, but still in bankruptcy process. \$34.8m to Iowa in 16 payments over 15 years.

Secondary Manufacturers: \$4.8m worth of settlements with eight smaller manufacturers being finalized. Each settlement has different terms, but payments will flow for 10 years.

Current Spending

County Utilization

Opioid Settlement Funding	Total awarded to Counties in Iowa	Total spent by Counties	<i>Percentage expended</i>
SFY2023	\$15,893,541	\$694,725	4.37%
SFY2024	\$36,634,326	\$1,683,990	4.59%
SFY2025	\$45,344,788	\$5,314,849	11.72%

Uses of OSF by counties

► SFY2023

- Naloxone distribution
- Prevention programs
- Treating opioid use disorder
- Supporting people in treatment and recovery
- Preventing misuse of opioids
- Addressing the needs of those involved in the criminal justice system
- Preventing overdose deaths
- First responders
- Leadership planning
- Travel expenses
- Hiring a peer support specialist
- Administration
- Safety equipment

► SFY2024

- Naloxone distribution
- Prevention programs
- Addressing the needs of those involved in the criminal justice system
- Training
- Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms
- Addressing the needs of pregnant or parenting women
- DARE
- Prevention coalitions
- TruNarc
- Travel expenses
- Media
- Locking pill bottles
- Drug court
- Administration
- Data collection and research analysis
- Drug disposal bags

Significant growth in FY25

- Naloxone distribution
- Prevention programs
- DARE
- Jail-based mentoring
- Warm hand-offs in ED's, law enforcement settings and community locations
- Treatment for incarcerated populations
- Medical sensors in jail
- Lucas devices for county EMS
- Media
- Training
- Phone apps
- Vending machines
- Jail medical detection, treatment and referral
- TruNarc
- Jail ministry
- Hidden in Plain Sight trailer
- Apex Raman Spectrometer
- County drug court
- People With Lived Experience grants
- Opioid Care Coordinator
- Truck vault to lock opioids
- Data collection

Categories of expenses



State OSF: HF1038 passed in 2025

- ▶ Directed Iowa HHS to distribute \$29M for specifically designated purposes.
 - \$26M to 21 different provider organizations, offering a range of opioid-related services. These include:
 - Workforce Training Center – Recovery High School
 - Expansion of MOUD
 - Jail-based Services
 - Recovery Café
 - Post Overdose Response
 - Recovery Community Centers
 - Recovery Respite
 - \$3M to issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the development and/or expansion of Recovery Housing services (awarded on November 21, 2025).

Additional appropriations

- ▶ As part of HF1038, Iowa HHS was appropriated 75% of the accumulated opioid settlement funds, and the Office of the Attorney General of Iowa was appropriated the remaining 25%.
- ▶ The purpose of these funds are for abating the opioid crisis in Iowa.
- ▶ Each state agency has/is releasing competitive procurement opportunities for those funds.

Iowa HHS: 75%

- ▶ Iowa HHS Intends to release funding opportunities twice per year focused on any use and/or strategy outlined in Exhibit E.
- ▶ Initial RFP was posted on October 31, 2025, and a notice of award was posted on December 30, 2025. A total of \$7M was made available and awards were distributed to 10 different organizations (out of 53 applications).
- ▶ Iowa HHS intends to post an additional RFP in the Spring of 2026 (approximately an additional \$7M) as part of a bi-annual funding opportunity cadence.

Iowa Attorney General: 25%

- ▶ The Office of the Attorney General for Iowa announced a new funding opportunity to help communities across the state respond to the opioid crisis.
- ▶ With approximately \$20M available by June 30, 2030, the Attorney General's office began accepting funding applications in late February
- ▶ Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and projects of all size and scope are encouraged to apply.
- ▶ Projects funded by the Attorney General's office must comply with the requirements of the National Opioids Settlement and the Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding.

State Opioid Response Grant (SOR)

Federally Funded

- ▶ Implemented through Iowa HHS in 2-3 year awards since 2017 with congressional approval
- ▶ Always funding of last resort
- ▶ Contracted through network of local Iowa treatment providers
- ▶ ***Services allowed for people impacted by opioids and/or stimulants***
- ▶ Does not allow for construction costs, many limitations on specific services

Priorities

- ▶ Prevention
 - Overdose reversal medicine, Naloxone now available over the counter (OTC)
 - Demand outpacing available funds
- ▶ Treatment
 - MOUD/MAT
 - Counseling
- ▶ Recovery Supports
 - Transportation
 - Employment supports
 - Housing Assistance

BH District Advisory Council Feedback



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New BH District Model

- ▶ Began July 1, 2025
- ▶ Reorganized formerly separate service delivery models of 19 Substance Use Integrated Provider Network Service Areas and 9 Mental Health and Disability Service Regions
- ▶ Each of the 7 new Behavioral Health Districts has a District Advisory Council to provide local stakeholder input on behavioral health topics

District Priority Needs

- ▶ Prevention
- ▶ Provider map of medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)
- ▶ Stigma reduction
- ▶ Mobile Crisis
- ▶ Training more on Naloxone
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Statewide housing
- ▶ More data for overdose and emergency department visits to see where the problems are (county-based data)
- ▶ Connection between treatment and recovery services and help with keeping them on track
- ▶ Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) treatment for jail

Districts' Identified Highest Priorities

- ▶ Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) aka, Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT)
- ▶ Prevention education for all ages, esp. rural
- ▶ Peer support (treatment/recovery)
- ▶ Breaking down stigma
- ▶ Treatment facilities and 24/7 access
- ▶ Jail-based services
- ▶ Transportation

BH Districts' Opportunities for collaboration

- ▶ Make sure we are not duplicating services
- ▶ Support shelters and facilities
- ▶ Transportation assistance
- ▶ Intensive & Extended Outpatient Treatment
- ▶ Opioid Settlement Funding and information on how to spend it
- ▶ Diversion programs
- ▶ Training statewide

Resources

Research supported strategies:

National Association of Counties Opioid Solutions Center

▶ <https://www.naco.org/program/opioid-solutions-center>

Brandeis Opioid Resource Center

▶ <https://opioid-resource-connector.org/program-models>

Johns Hopkins Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation

▶ <https://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu/>

Exhibit E. The List of Opioid Remediation Uses

▶ <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/uses-core-strategy/>

Naloxone for individuals



Naloxone is available for people to buy over-the-counter from:

- Pharmacies
- Big box retailers
- Online

Naloxone is available for free:

Check naloxoneiowa.org for details

Health insurance plans may also cover the cost

Resources

- ▶ Naloxone Iowa website:
www.naloxoneiowa.org
- ▶ YourLifelowa website: <https://Yourlifeiowa.org>
- ▶ SAMHSA [Overdose Prevention and Response Toolkit](#)

Questions?

Thank you!

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